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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION: TITUS MADISA

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TITUS MADISA MARCH 14, TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF UPCOMING MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION. MR. MADISA INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE IS NOW UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE HIS MINISTER, AMONG OTHERS, WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA FROM LATE APRIL UNTIL EARLY MAY.
 2. MADISA NOW HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AAI 60-DAY TRAVEL GRANT FOR PERIOD AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 75 DURING WHICH HE WILL TRAVEL THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES OBSERVING AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES RELEVANT TO BOTSWANA SITUATION INCLUDING VISITS TO TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO. DURING RETURN TRIP HE WILL STOP IN KENYA AND TANZANIA.
 3. EMBOFF TOLD MADISA THAT WE REGRETTED BUT UNDERSTAND THE LATE CHANGE IN PLANS AND HOPED THAT ALTHOUGH A SIMILAR PROJECT WAS NOT CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR PERIOD DURING WHICH HE ENVISAGED TRAVELLING IN U.S., WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH AAI IN MAKING HIS TRIP AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE.
 4. POST REGRETS THIS LATE CHANGE IN PLANS WHICH ELIMINATES MADISA FROM MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT.
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